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RENNON, ARK ROYAL, BARTHAM AND FRENCH BATTLESHIP WAIT FOR DEPARTURE OF GRAF SPEE

145,000 Tons Of Allied Warships Off Uruguay

A HAVAS MESSAGE FROM MONTEVIDEO STATES THAT NO LESS THAN 145,000 TONS OF ALLIED WARSHIPS ARE LYING OFF THE URUGUAYAN COAST WAITING FOR THE DEPARTURE OF THE GERMAN POCKET BATTLESHIP ADMIRAL GRAF SPEE.

A COASTGUARD VESSEL REPORTED THAT IT SAW THE CRUISERS H.M.S. CUMBERLAND, FORMERLY OF THE CHINA STATION, AND H.M.S. ACHILLES.

Other warships said to be mounting guard on the horizon are the battleships H.M.S. Renown and H.M.S. Barham, the aircraft-carrier H.M.S. Ark Royal and the French battleship Dunkerque.

Reuter from New York says it is time limit for the Graf Spee expires. Many circles give it as 9.30 p.m. (G.M.T.) but local evening newspapers state that it is 11.30 p.m. and that at that hour a commission will board the battleship and report on her condition after which the Government will decide on what steps to take.

READY FOR SEA

LONDON, Dec. 17 (Reuter)—It is stated in Montevideo that the Graf Spee was ready for sea last night after hurried repairs but during the night work was still proceeding.

It is believed that the Uruguayan Government believes it impolite to announce the exact time and expiration of the time limit.

ADMIRAL SCHEER

LONDON, Dec. 17 (Reuter)—The Rome Radio says that the Admiral Scheer, sister ship of the Graf Spee, is making for the River Plate, accompanied by submarines.

IN SAFETY ZONE

WASHINGTON, Dec. 17 (Reuter)—Mr. Cordell Hull, U. S. Secretary of State, told the press conference that the United States and other American nations are concerned about the naval hostilities in the so-called 300-mile safety zone.

He added that the preliminary exchange of views and information concerning the possibility of future naval battles, as well as that involving the Graf Spee and British warships of the Uruguayan coast, have been held.

STILL DOUBTFUL

MONTEVIDEO, Dec. 17 (Reuter)—It is still doubtful when the

ITALIAN OPINION

PARIS, Dec. 17 (Reuter)—Notwithstanding neutral naval powers, particularly the United States, the Italian opinion is that the sea fight off Uruguay is a triumph for Britain.

GERMAN PRESS

The German press persist in holding it up as a brilliant success for Germany and claiming that it will have "invaluable" consequences.

ITALIAN PRESS

The Italian press, which devotes an extraordinary amount of space to the event, describes the battle as a clear strategical victory for British warships.

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JAPANESE DEFEATED ON KWANGSI BORDER: CHINESE SUCCESSES IN HUNAN

CHIENKIANG, KWANGSI, Dec. 17. (Central)—Six hundred Japanese at Pingki on the Kwangsi-Kwangtung border, approximately 75 miles south of Nanning, were defeated in an engagement on Thursday.

They suffered scores of casualties and lost more than 100 rifles. Four cavalrymen were taken prisoner.

MILO, HUNAN, Dec. 17 (Central)—The Chinese who recaptured Yanglowze on the Canton-Hankow Railway, 37 miles north of Yoyang, recovered Feilishan and Hengki, two vantage points to the southwest of Yanglowze, Thursday morning. Some 200 Japanese were killed in action.

SOUTH SHANSI

HINGTSI, SHENSI, Dec. 17 (Central)—After a ten-day sanguinary battle, Japanese forces at Machiamiao, south-east of Hailshien, in South Shansi, have finally been dislodged. They retreated towards Yenchangchen. Part of them are surrounded south of Machiamiao.

CHINESE SUCCESS

PINGKIANG, HUNAN, Dec. 17 (Central)—The Chinese scored a victory over the Japanese in the south-east suburbs of Puchi, on the Canton-Hankow Railway, 78 miles south of Wuchang, on Thursday. Over 800 Japanese casualties were inflicted and 24 Japanese machine-guns and 108 rifles were seized.

THE JAPANESE

The Japanese retired into the city which was immediately surrounded.

THE RAILWAY STATION

The railway station and the telegraph wires and poles were damaged.

THE CHINESE SIEGE

The Chinese siege of Tung-cheng, in South Hupeh, continues.

The defeat of the Japanese at Machiamiao, their last stand, signifies the complete failure of

129 LIVES LOST IN DUCHESS

LONDON, Dec. 17 (Reuter)—The Admiralty announced that six officers and 123 men lost their lives when the destroyer H.M.S. Duchess was sunk.

The following officers are missing and are believed drowned:—Gunner (T) P. H. Gordon, Probationary Midshipman C. L. Kretschmer, Lieutenants G. W. Murray, J. M. L. Scholfield and (E) O. P. Tilden and Lieutenant R. C. White.

LANDSDORF TELLS HIS OWN STORY

Gun Accuracy Of British

BUENOS AIRES, Dec. 17 (Reuter)—Captain Landsdorf, Captain of the Admiral Graf Spee, told his own story of the naval battle in his report to the Uruguayan authorities in which he points out that he was handicapped by having to "fight on three quarters."

The rapidity of the manoeuvres of the British cruisers so upset his plans that he found himself lacking deep water until a shot from one of his guns put the Exeter out of action.

Then the Ajax slipped in towards the shore and scored two hits damaging the fire control and penetrating the compartment above the water line. Many casualties were caused.

GREAT ACCURACY

The British gunners placed the shells with great accuracy with the result that a high percentage of the crew of the Graf Spee were put out of action—not only killed and wounded but also suffering from bruises and minor injuries.

Captain Landsdorf therefore decided to attempt to escape under a smoke screen with the object of resuming the action under more favourable conditions, possibly taking on the British cruisers separately, but this manoeuvre was rapidly foreseen by the British staff and frustrated.

INCONCEIVABLE AUDACITY

With inconceivable audacity the Achilles and Ajax approached through the smoke screen to within a mile of the Admiral Graf Spee firing from both sides. The Exeter, almost hors-de-combat, remained to the north apparently to impede the passage of the Graf Spee.

Captain Landsdorf adds that the Achilles and the Ajax, with their speed and mobility, continued to harry the Graf Spee compelling him to increase his front while the Exeter assisted them from time to time with long-range broadsides.

At this point Captain Landsdorf decided to break off the action.

Later, off Lobos Island, the Ajax and Achilles again closed in and the Graf Spee was forced to slacken speed and fire a broadside to "keep the enemy at a respectable distance."

PEACE GROUP KIDNAPPING

SHANGHAI, Dec. 17 (Int'l)—Agents of the "peace" group are believed responsible for the kidnapping on Chen Hsien-chang, secretary of a journalistic guild, on Saturday night, in Nanking Road, outside the Sally Rand Confectionery.

The victim was active for some time in disclosing the activities of the "peace" group in Shanghai.

Commodore Knighted, Promoted

LONDON, Dec. 17 (Reuter)—In recognition of his very gallant and successful fight against the Graf Spee, Commodore H.H. Harwood has been made a Knight Commander of the Order of the Bath (K.C.B.) and promoted Rear-Admiral.

The Captains of the other two cruisers have been made Companions of the Order of the Bath (C.B.).

Rear-Admiral Sir Henry Harwood is well-known on the China Station as Commander of H.M.S. Cumberland when she was stationed here in 1928 and 1929.

Gunfire On Belgian Coast

BRUSSELS, Dec. 17 (Reuter)—It is reported that the sound of gunfire coming from the direction of the sea was heard on the Belgian coast. The firing is described as being of an apparently serious nature.

He warned the Burmese against Japanese malicious propaganda

Fierce Battle On North Finnish—Soviet Front

OSLO, Dec. 17 (Reuter)—Yesterday's battle between Salmiakia and Pitcartaevi, on the northern Finnish-Soviet front, was fiercely fought, according to reports from Svanik today.

Hostilities started early in the morning and developed with rapidity.

Russian bombers played an active part while land forces, estimated at 4,000, were in fully motorised units.

Finnish refugees are now crossing the frontier and the Finns are burning all houses and destroying every bridge where they are retreating.

It is believed that the Finns are preparing for a counter-offensive in the south.

A Moscow communiqué claims the capture of Salmiakia, sixty kilometres south of Petaamo, representing an advance of 125 kilometres in the central district and quote a successful advance on the Karelian Isthmus.

The communiqué adds that owing to unfavourable weather there has been no aerial activity.

ROLDING OWN

HELSINKI, Dec. 17 (Reuter)—After a week of violent fighting all along the eastern frontier, the Finns are more holding their own. Every Sector, except in the extreme north, the double threat to Finland's wasp-waist, has been momentarily averted.

The Soviet forces are estimated at between 500,000 to 750,000 strong in Central Finland.

North of Lake Ladoga, the Finns claim a resounding victory in what is described as a four-days pitched battle round Tolvajaera.

Two whole Russian regiments, comprising of 5,000 men, are reported to have been virtually annihilated.

In the Karelian Isthmus the heavy Russian pressure has effected little change in the position.

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British and French soldiers sharing a meal.

CHINA ON WAY TO VICTORY IS BELIEF OF EUROPEAN LEADERS:

UNREST IN JAPAN

PREDICTED

CHUNGKING, Dec. 17 (Central)—

Mr. Aoyama, Japanese anti-war writer, said at the reception given by the Political Board of the National Military Council and the San Min Chu Yi (Three People's Principles) Youth Corps in honor of the Burmese Goodwill Mission last night that anti-war feelings are running high in Japan, and predicted something striking to happen in Japan next April.

He stated that the hand of the Japanese imperialists is being extended to Thailand, Burma and India.

He warned the Burmese against Japanese malicious propaganda

CHUNGKING, Dec. 17 (Central)—

Leaders of European Powers, whom he met, all believed that China is on her way to victory while Japan, confronted with a shortage of man-power and material resources and mounting diplomatic difficulties, is being gradually weakened, declared Mr. Sun Fo, President of the Legislative Yuan, when interviewed by Central News on his return yesterday afternoon.

Japan had thought to take advantage of the European war to tighten her aggression in China, but she encountered even greater difficulties in foreign relations, Mr. Sun remarked.

Mr. Sun declared that British, French and Soviet sympathy with and assistance to China remains unaltered and there will be no change in their Far Eastern policy.

While feeling depressed at the confused situation in Europe, the governments of European Powers pin high hopes on China's resistance and believe that China's victory and rebirth will not be far ahead, Mr. Sun added.

Giving his impressions of the European war, Mr. Sun stated that Britain and France seem to be gaining the upper hand. Germany seeks for a sharp and short war but Britain and France strategy is to wage a prolonged war. This is why Britain and France are enforcing the blockade, on the one hand, and completing preparations for long-term warfare, on the other, and to avoid unnecessary losses they are on the defensive on the Maginot Line.

Owing to the Allies' superior naval strength, the blockade of Germany has produced favourable effect, Mr. Sun observed. The British and French air forces are under replenishment and therefore, they have not yet taken large-scale action. Neither has the German air force made any big operations in view of the great distance of London.

Mr. Sun said that it is yet difficult to predict the outcome of the European situation as it is subjected to constant changes.

Shortly after his arrival yesterday afternoon, Mr. Sun called on Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek, for about an hour.

Mr. Sun was entertained at dinner in the evening by General Wu Te-chen, former Chairman of the Kwangtung Provincial Government and now Director of the Overseas Affairs Department of the Central Kuomintang Headquarters.

ANTI-ABE CABINET PAMPHLETS FROM JAPANESE PLANE

LOYANG, Dec. 17 (Central)—A large quantity of anti-war pamphlets were dropped from a lone Japanese plane near Pohaien in North Anhwei on Dec. 8, according to a belated report. The pamphlets call on all Japanese soldiers to unite to overthrow the Abe Cabinet and establish peace.

U.S. SHIPPING IN MEDITERRANEAN

WASHINGTON, Dec. 17 (Reuter)—It is officially announced that the United States Maritime Commission will probably issue a formal order on Monday authorising the trans-Atlantic lines Washington

235 PUNTERS SHARE "DAILY DOUBLE" POOL OF \$58,361 ON THE LAST DAY OF RACING SEASON

A Grand Time Upsets To Pay \$101.50

Excellent conditions featured the closing day of the Hongkong Jockey Club's 1939 racing season at the Valley on Saturday when a substantial "Daily Double" pool of \$58,361 was shared by 235 backers, each receiving \$248.30 for nominating New Star and Rose Fiana.

The big upset of the afternoon was created by A Grand Time, who returned \$101.50—the best dividend of the day.

The three leading jockeys of the season are Mr. C. Encarnacao with 34 wins and 36 places, Mr. V. V. Needa with 25 wins and 41 places, and Mr. D. Black with 18 wins and 31 places.

Following are the results:

RACE ONE		
Hectic View	Was in front by about two lengths all the way round up to the rock, where Confusion Bay took command. Leading into the straight Confusion Bay went on to win comfortably.	
Confusion Bay	Carried 877 out of 971 win tickets on the parimutuel, the other runner in this two-horse affair carrying only 94.	
Hongkong Autumn Champions—One and a Quarter Miles		
Mr. L. Dunbar's Confusion Bay, 161 lbs. (Mr. D. Black) 1		
Lan's Hectic View, 158 lbs. (Mr. H. C. Pih) 2		
Won by five lengths.		
Time: 2.30.4.		
Par. Mutual:—		
Winner: \$5.10.		
Places: \$5.10.		
Betting		
Win. Place.		
Confusion Bay 877 230		
Hectic View 94 20		
971 250		

RACE TWO

Pumpernickle, the favourite, was first away with Heinz, Brutus (second favourite) and Dick Turpin (third in demand) following in that order.

Pumpernickle maintained the lead into the straight and went on to win easily by three lengths from Macquarie River (outsider) who came up strongly on the outside to displace Heinz and Brutus. The latter eventually beat Heinz for third place while Dick Turpin finished fifth, and Zodiac a bad last.

Laggards' Handicap—(Six Furlongs)

Mr. J. H. Jensen's Pumpernickle, 160 lbs. (Mr. B. A. Proulx) 1

Gredka's Macquarie River, 135 lbs. (Mr. D. Black) 2

Mr. G. Trevorton's Brutus, 150 lbs. (Mr. H. C. Pih) 3

Won by three lengths, a neck between second and third.

Time: 1.18.3.

Par. Mutual:—

Winner: \$13.60.

Places: \$8.70, \$11.20, \$8.70.

Also ran—Dick Turpin 140 lbs. (W. G. Poy); Heinz 140 (S. W. Tang); Schmetterling 142 (C. F. H. Churchill); Zodiac 143 (V. V. Needa).

Betting

Win.	Place.
Brutus 1100	1058
Dick Turpin 597	878
Heinz 308	425
Macquarie River 203	293
Pumpernickle 1216	1029
Schmetterling 69	108
Zodiac 279	351
2392	3940

RACE THREE

Dow Jones, King's Envoy, Rose Day (the three least fancied) and Matador (favourite) were in front first time round. At the rock Matador forged ahead, and taking the lead was first into the straight.

In the home run Heddon (fourth in demand) and Smiling Time (second favourite) ousted the leaders one by one, but could not catch up with Matador who man-

"LAST QUARTER" ON TOP AGAIN

"Last Quarter," the Hongkong Daily Press racing expert, was again successful in his selections for Saturday's races with four direct winners in Confusion Bay, Pumpernickle, King Kong and New Star.

Two horses tipped for places came first. They are Matador and Plet Hein.

In addition "Last Quarter" had seven other placed horses among his selections for the day, making a total of 13 successes out of 24 selections. It pays to follow "Last Quarter."

CASH SWEEPS

Race 1

No. 4149 \$2,664.75

No. 676 \$883.25

Race 2

No. 3359 \$2,626.40

No. 3223 \$750.40

No. 4417 \$375.20

Unplaced Tickets Nos. 4127, 2815,

4708, 3650 get \$50 each.

Race 3

No. 1497 \$2,804.20

No. 3655 \$801.20

No. 2937 \$400.60

Unplaced Tickets Nos. 5137, 2814,

520, 3280, 38 get \$50 each.

Race 4

No. 3880 \$3,138.80

No. 4364 \$896.80

No. 5134 \$448.40

Race 5

No. 3114 \$5,631.20

No. 3578 \$1,623.20

No. 3232 \$811.60

Unplaced Tickets Nos. 1534, 4141,

2511, 4798, 4777, 2238, 5246 get \$100 each.

Race 6

No. 3566 \$3,176.60

No. 20 \$907.60

No. 1088 \$453.80

Unplaced Tickets Nos. 2805, 4170,

4741, 4033, 5936, 3037, 2195, 3400

get \$50 each.

Race 7

No. 819 \$3,337.60

No. 1270 \$953.60

No. 6234 \$478.80

Unplaced Tickets Nos. 2805, 4170,

4741, 4033, 5936, 3037, 2195, 3400

get \$50 each.

Race 8

No. 3377 \$6,420.40

No. 1484 \$1,834.40

No. 1064 \$917.20

Unplaced Ticket No. 12 get \$100.

Race 9

Time: 1.58.3.

Race 10

Par. Mutual:—

Winner: \$19.30.

Places: \$8.80, \$11.20, \$8.70.

Also ran—Dick Turpin 140 (S. W. Tang); Schmetterling 142 (C. F. H. Churchill); Zodiac 143 (V. V. Needa).

Betting

Race 11

Win. Place.

Celtic Star 284 73

King Kong 1766 593

Musketee 352 92

2392 763

Race 12

Commencement Bay was last by several lengths.

Race 13

Tardy Handicap—(One Mile)

Kong Bros. New Star, 158

lbs. (Mr. S. W. Pan)

Cocoa's King Kong, 161 lbs.

(Mr. L. B. Chao)

Fan's Musketeer, 152 lbs.

(Mr. S. C. Liang)

S. L. K's Celtic Star, 158 lbs.

(Mr. H. C. Pih)

Won by short head, the same between second and third.

Race 14

Time: 1.58.3.

Race 15

Par. Mutual:—

Winner: \$13.60.

Places: \$8.70, \$11.20, \$8.70.

Also ran—Dick Turpin 140 (S. W. Tang); Schmetterling 142 (C. F. H. Churchill); Zodiac 143 (V. V. Needa).

Betting

Race 16

Win. Place.

Brutus 1100 1058

Dick Turpin 597 878

Heinz 308 425

Macquarie River 203 293

Pumpernickle 1216 1029

Schmetterling 69 108

Zodiac 279 351

3,772 3,940

Race 17

The field went off in line with Oak Bay (outsider) slightly in front. Down the back stretch Oak Bay was well ahead with Potentate (favourite) and Expansion Time following. Commencement Bay was last, ten lengths behind.

Oak Bay led into the straight but in the home run New Star (second favourite) came up strongly and ousted the leaders to win by a short head. Humdrum Eve, making a late spurt, finished third, a short-head behind Oak Bay, while Expansion Time defeated Potentate for fourth posi-

Eastern Loses To Kowloon

CLUB'S FIRST WIN ON SATURDAY

What chances Eastern had of securing the championship of the football League were shattered on Saturday when they were defeated by Kowloon, playing at home, by the odd goal in seven.

Kowloon showed tip-top form and did not allow Eastern to settle down to their usual fine constructive game until they had established a substantial lead of three goals well into the second half.

The heroes of the match were Kowloon's back line of defence. Smith in goal was in good form and it was chiefly due to his display, especially in the latter stages of the game, that Kowloon managed to win. Eastern and Ulrich, full-backs, covered each other well and showed sound understanding.

The halves were effective in the first half, the forwards played their best game this season, the most outstanding being Jackson, Santos, promoted from the Juniors, and Travers, hooked brilliantly.

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COMING EVENTS

DEC.

18—Tides: High 12.22 a.m. and 4.04 p.m. Low 8.21 a.m. and 7.49 p.m. Sunrise: 6.55 a.m.; Sunset: 4.48 p.m. Claims against estate of Thomas Meek and Edward Tucker due.

Cheero Club, Gala Christmas Dance, 8.30 p.m.

Sandakan Light and Power Co., Ltd., Annual Mtg. Bank of East Asia Bldg., 12 noon.

H.K. Yorkshiremen's Society, Annual Meeting, H.K. Hotel, 5.45 p.m. Busy Bees Working Party—Final Bridge and Mahjong Drive, Cathedral Hall, 3 p.m.

Y.M.C.A.: War Work, 10 a.m.; A.D.C. Rehearsal, 7 p.m.; Flag Whist Drive, 8.30 p.m.

St. Andrews Vicarage: Meeting to form Winter Food Relief Committee, 6 p.m.

First Aid Examination: St. John's Ambulance Brigade Hqrs, 6 p.m.

R.A. Cup Polo, 3.30 p.m. Middlesex Regt. Inter-Company (Novices) Boxing Meet, 7.30 p.m.

St. Paul's Church—Christmas Carols, 7.30 p.m.

19—Tides: High 1.07 a.m. and 4.46 p.m. Low 8.09 a.m. and 10.08 p.m.

Sunrise: 6.56 a.m.; Sunset: 5.42 p.m. Urban Council Meeting, 4.15 p.m. Claims against estate of Gaston Desmuller due.

H.K. Horticultural Society, Annual Mtg., Jardine, Matheson's Board Room, 5.15 p.m.

Y.M.C.A. Bridge class, 10 a.m.

Middlesex Regt. Inter-Company (Novices) Boxing Meet, 7.30 p.m.

H.K. Rotary Club, Tiffa Mtg., 1 p.m. Anti-ircraft Practice by 3rd Battery, H.K.V.D.C. at Aberdeen Island, 11 a.m.

Cheero Club, Whist Drive, 8.45 p.m.

20—Tides: High 2.11 a.m. and 5.15 p.m. Low 8.57 a.m. and 11.48 p.m.

Sunrise: 6.57 a.m.; Sunset: 5.42 p.m. H.K.R.A. Rifle Shoot, 1.45 p.m. Peak School Prize Day, 5.15 p.m. Second and Third Rounds of Ladies Tennis Championships due to be completed.

Y.M.C.A. Pantomime, 5 p.m.

Middlesex Regt. Inter-Company (Novices) Boxing Meet, 7.30 p.m.

Sailors' Home and Seamen's Institute: Invitation Christmas Gala Dance, 3.30 p.m.

Christmas Concert, St. Andrew's, 6.30 p.m.

Lawn Bowls: H.E. Team vs Tai Koo Club, Govt. House, 3.15 p.m.

Cheero Club, Dance, 8.30 p.m.

21—Launching at Kowloon Docks, 5 p.m.

St. Andrew's Club Carnival Dance, 9 p.m.

Y.M.C.A. Pantomime, 9 p.m.

Schools' Physical Training Competition, K.F.C., 9 a.m.

Y.M.C.A. Games morning, 10 a.m.

Kowloon Tong Garden City Assn. Draw for debentures, 8 p.m.

S. and S. Home: Servicemen's X'Mas Party, 7.30 p.m.

Cheero Club: Contract Bridge Lessons, 8 p.m.

22—Sino-British Cultural Assn. Mtg. Speaker: Mr. J. E. Witham "China's Tea Trade."

China Light and Power Co., Ltd., Annual Mtg., 12 noon.

Claims against Enemy firms (Vincez Singer and Wilhelm Maier and Co.)

Schools' Physical Training Competition, H.K.F.C., 9 a.m.; Final at 11.30 a.m.

Cheero Club Christmas Dinner, 7.30 p.m.

Children's Fancy Dress Party, Peninsula Hotel, 4 p.m.—8.30 p.m.

H.K. University Congregation, Great Hall, 5.30 p.m.

St. Andrew's Wolf Cubs' Christmas Party, 5 p.m.

23—Y.M.C.A. Pantomime, 3 p.m.

H.E. and Lady Northcote leave for Fanling Lodge.

24—Christmas Eve.

St. Andrew's Church: Carol Service, 6.15 p.m.

25—Christmas Day.

St. Andrew's Church: Festival Service, 11 a.m.

International Soccer.

26—Boxing Day.

R.E.O.C.A. "Fancy Dress" Dance, Peninsula Hotel.

Fanling Hunt and Race Club Meeting at Kwant.

Y.M.C.A. Pantomime, 3 p.m. and 9 p.m.

H.K.C.S.C.—Prize-Giving & Children's Sports, 4 p.m.

29—China Light & Power Recreation Club Dance, 9 p.m.

30—Claims against estate of Leung Chan Tak Yan due.

31—New Year's Eve.

St. Andrew's Church: Old Year's Day Services.

Football Shield, First Round.

Y.M.C.A. Pantomime, 9 p.m.

Theosophical Society: Speaker—Mr. Percy Chen "The Rebirth of Nations."

AIRPORT NEWS

Imperial Airways:

NORTHBOUND

Tuesday: Bangkok, Hanoi, Hong Kong.

Delphinus—4 p.m.

SOUTHBOUND

Wednesday: Hanoi, Bangkok, Denshaha—7 a.m.

Air France

NORTHBOUND

Wednesday: France, Hanoi, Hong Kong.

Service—4 p.m.

SOUTHBOUND

Thursday: Hanoi, France, Service—6 a.m.

Pan American Airways.

EASTBOUND

Monday: U.S.A., Manila, Hong Kong.

China Clipper—2 p.m.

WESTBOUND

Tuesday: Manila, U.S.A.

China Clipper—8.30 a.m.

Note: The inward service of Imperial Airways from Bangkok due in Hongkong Sunday afternoon has been delayed forty-eight hours by the main Empire route connection.

Mr. Katsuo Okazaki, Consul-General for Japan at Hongkong resumed charge of the Consulate General for Japan on December 8.

Lord Roberts Brown has been re-assigned from the Combatant Group to the Key-Posts Group in the Hongkong Defence Reserve.

The number of emigrants leaving the Colony for the Straits Settlements during November, 1939, was 2,354.

The full text of the Order of His Majesty in Council framing proposals for restricting further the commerce of Germany is published in the Government Gazette.

His Excellency the Governor has approved that Lieut. Frederick White Thomson Ross be allowed to resign his commission in the Hongkong Volunteer Defence Corps with effect from Dec. 5, 1939.

H.E. the Governor, under instructions from the Secretary State for the Colonies, has been pleased to recognise Mr. Ducco Gerrit Eduard Middelburg as Acting Consul-General of the Netherlands at Hongkong.

The following additions are made to the Chinese banks registered as permitted to sell Chinese currency and to remit money money to China.—The Industrial Bank of China; The National Commercial & Savings Bank, Ltd.; and The Wing On Bank, Ltd.

Plans have been completed by a group of Chinese overseas to publish a Far Eastern Daily, a vernacular, at Cholon a town 4 miles from Saigon and seat of most of the Chinese trade in French Cochinchina. This will be the first Chinese paper ever published in Cholon, where there is a large Chinese population.

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NEW ROADS NAMED

The following names for new roads are announced in the Government Gazette:

Homestead Road—From Mount Kellett at the north-west corner of Homestead Flats along the west side of Mount Kellett terminating at Mount Kellett Rd. at the south-west corner of the War Memorial Hospital.

Tsat Tse Mui Road—Commencing at Shu Kuk Street, south of inland lot 2819, running south of and parallel to King's Road and terminating at King's Road, north of Q.B.I.L. 4.

Tin Chiu Street—Commencing at south-west corner of inland lot 5378, running in a northerly direction and terminating at the sea front.

FILM OF BATTLE BETWEEN PLANES AND WARSHIPS

LONDON, Dec. 16 (Reuter)—For the first time in the history of the films, an actual battle between aeroplanes and battleships was shown in a London cinema yesterday.

The films were taken by a British officer on board an escort destroyer in the North Sea.

One can see the anti-aircraft guns on a cruiser in action against Nazi aeroplanes, from which bombs can be seen dropping.

One bomb falls so close to the cruiser that the warship is completely obscured by flying spray.

NEWSSETTES

An Air Ministry notice to aircraft owners and ground engineers dealing with the prohibition of transaction in respect of aircraft and parts of aircraft is published in the Government Gazette.

The Hon. Mr. Henry Robert Butters has been appointed a member of the Council of the University of Hongkong vice Mr. Sydney Caine for a period of three years, with effect from Dec. 8, 1939.

His Excellency the Governor has given permission for fireworks not being unlawful fireworks, to be kindled, discharged or let off in a lawful manner within the Colony, between 11.45 p.m. on December 31, 1939, and 12.15 a.m. on January 1, 1940.

His Majesty the King has approved the award of the Colonial Police Medal for conspicuous gallantry.—Chief Inspector Frederick Edward Evelyn Booker, of the Hongkong Police Force, and Superintendent Jack Cooper Fitz-Henry, of the Hongkong Fire Brigade.

Enthusiastic support is displayed by the overseas Chinese in Cuba for the winter garment campaign initiated by Madame Chiang Kai-shek, China's First Lady. Contributions amounting to \$93,000 have so far been remitted to Madame Chiang.

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"Decisive Victory For Britain": U.S. Press On Graf Spee Battle

NEW YORK, Dec. 18 (Reuter)—"A decisive victory for Britain" and "Weakness of the pocket-battleship revealed," sums up the verdict of the United States press on the South Atlantic naval battle.

David Boone, columnist of the New York Sun, says the Graf Spee is now what might be called a patch-pocket battleship. It looks as if she is out of the line-up permanently but Hitler is making a strong effort to talk her back into the war.

The Nazis raise the usual cry that she was fouled. The Graf Spee had hardly cooled off before Berlin was claiming that mustard gas was used.

MOST DRAMATIC

The New York Post says the running battle was the most dramatic encounter of the war.

The New York Sun in an editorial says Germany's new tactics have been worsted by the British variant of General Forrest's celebrated old rule.

"Britain got there fastest with the most ships."

IDEAS EXPLODED

The Detroit Free Press declares that two ideas have been exploded, one that the British Fleet contained only three or four vessels capable of running down and coping with the Graf Spee type, and the other that vessels with 5-inch or 8-inch guns would be helpless in combat with line ships.

The newspaper adds that the elimination of one-third of the strongest surface arm of the German navy can only be regarded as a decisive victory.

Neither the German claim to a victory nor the allegation that the British cruisers fired gas shells can be accepted.

BRITISH SEAMANSHIP

The British seamanship against superior gun-power is praised by the New York Times.

The journal says: "The German Government lost another battle when it lied about the Graf Spee. The discount rate on official statements from Berlin has always been high. A few more breaks like this and it will be close on 100 per cent!"

MAJOR VICTORY

The New York Times says that by forcing the Graf von Spee into port the British can count a major victory. The paper pays tribute to those qualities for which the Silent Service has long been famous—skillful seamanship and dogged courage.

The New York Herald Tribune says that the German pocket-battleship, though of ingenious construction, is plainly not the final answer to everything.

R.A.F. Attack On German Naval Units

CLASH DESCRIBED AS A RUNNING FIGHT

LONDON, Dec. 18 (Reuter)—The Air Ministry has issued further details of the R.A.F. attack on a German battleship, several destroyers and a submarine.

One of the pilots engaged brought home with him a diary, in which the clash is described as a running fight.

THREE TO ONE

No sooner had the bombers swooped to the attack on the surface craft when they were engaged by a least two squadrons of Messerschmidt fighters. They themselves were twelve in number, and the Nazis attacked with between two and three to one.

Five of the Messerschmidts, it is now established, were shot down. Three R.A.F. planes failed to return.

GERMAN CLAIMS

BERLIN, Dec. 18 (Reuter)—The German claims in the North Sea dog-fight had risen to a round dozen by late last night. They started off with six and worked their way up by two's to this figure.

Nazi Planes Burned Like Beacons

FURTHER DETAILS OF BATTLE OVER HELIGOLAND

LONDON, Dec. 18 (Reuter)—In Thursday's air battle over Heligoland between R.A.F. bombers and German fighters, the leader of the British squadron noted four Nazi planes crashing into the sea in flames.

DIVED, VERTICALLY

"It was getting dark," he writes, "and they burned for some time, for all the world like four enormous beacons."

One of the five Nazi planes brought down dived vertically into the sea, after being hit by the guns of several of our planes.

The squadron leader concludes briefly that the fight strengthened rather than shook the morale of his men.

All the British planes were bombers.

THE CREWS

Among their crews were three Canadians. One of them was a former member of the Mounted Police, while another was an insurance broker in civil life.

South Africa had two representatives, New Zealand four and Australia one, an ex-draughtsman who was at the controls of one of the bombers.

PREMIER AT THE FRONT

LUNCHES WITH BRITISH C. IN C.

PARIS, Dec. 16 (Reuter)—Mr. Neville Chamberlain, the Premier, after spending the night at Viscount Gort's chateau, this morning visited the front lines where he saw the improvements which had been made since the King's visit.

FLOWN OVER

LONDON, Dec. 16 (Reuter)—Mr. Chamberlain flew over to France with an escort of Royal Air Force fighters. He had lunch with Lord Gort, the British Commander-in-Chief, and the Duke of Gloucester.

SINO-BRITISH CULTURAL ASSN.

Social Gathering In Chungking

CHUNGKING, Dec. 15, (Int'l)—The Sino-British Cultural Association held a social gathering yesterday afternoon in the International Club in honour of Mr. R. H. Scott, Far Eastern representative of the Ministry of Information, who gave a talk of British publicity in war time and his impressions of North China and Japan as judged from his recent tour.

Many high Chinese officials and British returned students were present in this gathering.

AIR FLIGHTS OVER INDIA

NEW DELHI, Dec. 16 (Reuter)—Only aircraft operating on regular routes will be allowed to fly to or over India in the future. No other civil aircraft may fly to India without special permission from the Indian Director of Civil Aviation.

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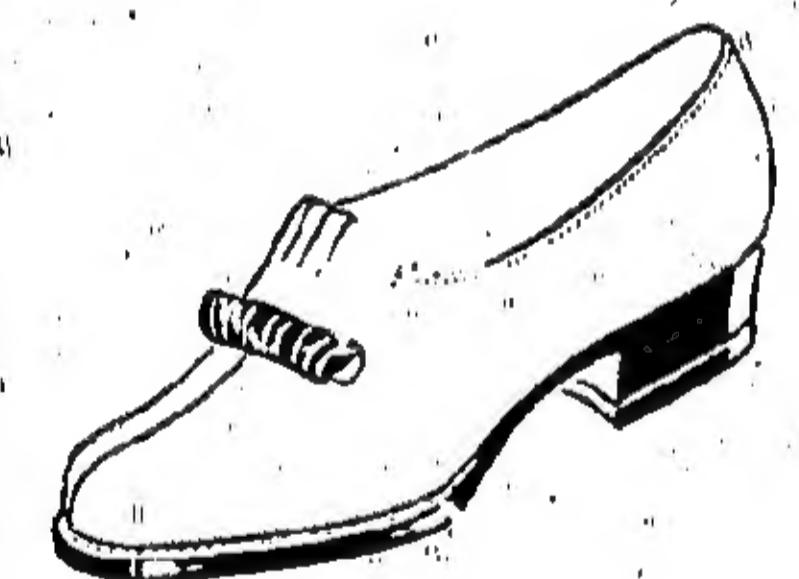
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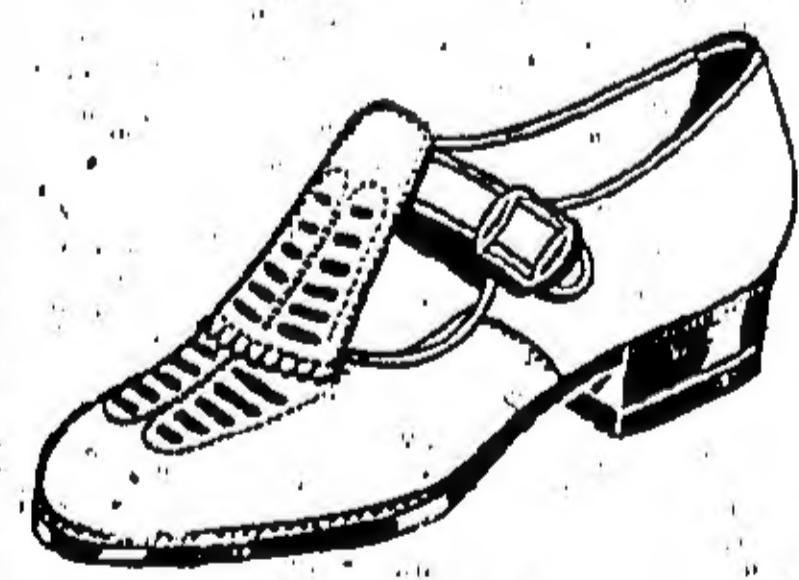


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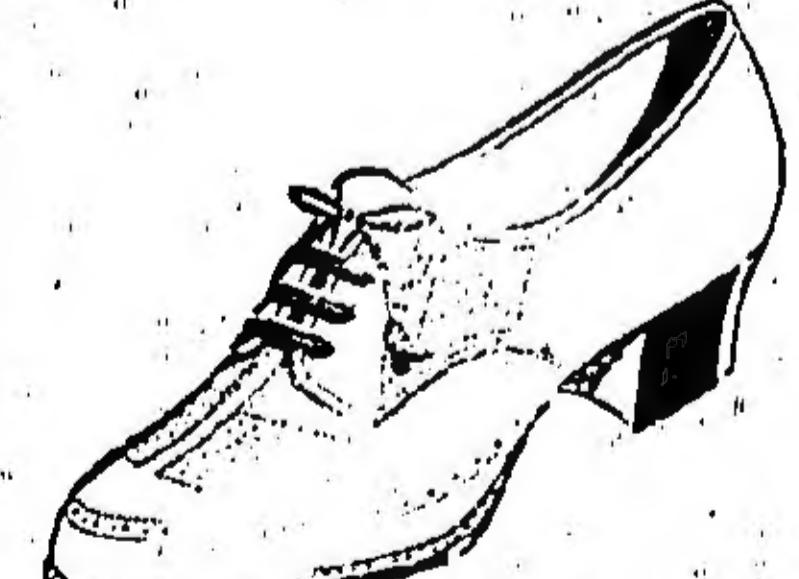
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First Daylight A.R.P. Exercise In Kowloon

H.E. The Governor Watches Units In Action

The Air Raid Precautions Services were given a thorough test yesterday morning, when Yau Ma Tei district was "bombed" in the first large-scale daylight exercise staged by the A.R.P. Department.

Units were summoned to four different locations in the space of an hour to deal with "damage" done by high explosives, incendiary bombs, phosgene and mustard gas.

All units participating gave a good account of themselves, though their work was at times somewhat hampered by the large crowd gathered to watch.

A.R.P. AT WORK

This was the first occasion on which the district was afforded an opportunity of a daylight view of the A.R.P. at work, and the speed of the A.R.P. vans, the neat blue of the uniforms, and the yellow-grey of the gas-fighters' protective covering attracted much comment.

Normal traffic was permitted as far as possible, and the silent manner in which police units kept control of both the crowd and the traffic deserves mention.

His Excellency the Governor attended the exercises, and was accompanied on his tour of inspection by the Director of A.R.P., Wing-Commander A. H. Steele-Perkins. The General Officer Commanding, Hong Kong Area, Major-General A. E. Grasett, was present and also Commodore A. M. Peters.

CO-ORDINATION

The purpose of the exercise was principally to test co-ordination between the various A.R.P. services, the preparedness of the Air Raid Wardens, the working of a A.R.P. Damage Reports submitted by the Wardens, the efficiency of the communications system, and the speed with which the different units could get into action.

Two umpires were assigned to the scene of each "explosion," and two more to the re-

FIRST EXERCISE

Dundas Street was the scene of the first exercise. Here the Blue-land raiding aircraft had "dropped" both high explosive and phosgene gas bombs, and there were five casualties. A large "fire" had started, and a First Aid party, an ambulance and the Fire Brigade were soon on the scene.

One of the "casualties" was supposed to be total, but the other four, three suffering from phosgene gas poisoning and the other from an abdominal wound, were given first aid treatment and removed to "hospital."

HOUSES ON "FIRE"

An incendiary high explosive bomb, "dropped" on a shack in Jubilee Park, the vacant ground bounded by Canton Road and Jordan Road, set fire to two "houses." One was completely demolished, but the Fire Brigade was soon at work on the other, inside which several persons were "trapped."

The First Aid and Rescue parties were soon on the scene, the former tending to four "casualties," one man with a head wound, another with a leg blown off, and two others suffering from burns.

The third report to come in to the report centre was from Public Square Street, where a mustard gas bomb "dropped" on the pavement outside Yau Ma Tei School required the immediate attention of a decontamination squad.

An ambulance and a first aid party were sorely needed too, there being two "casualties," both suffering from contamination by liquid mustard gas.

LAST "BOMB"

The raiders' fourth and last "bomb," an incendiary one, claimed no casualties. A large building was on "fire" when the Brigade arrived. The house was badly "damaged" by the explosion and in a "dangerous" condition. A demolition party went immediately to work.

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First Christmas Party Of Season For Children

The first children's Christmas party of the season was held on Saturday afternoon when over 70 children of the members of the Hong Kong Y.M.C.A. assembled for an enjoyable time at the Kowloon Tong School, 27 Cumberland Road, Kowloon Tong. The function was arranged by a ladies' committee comprising Mesdames Peter S. Wong, Yinson Lee, C. P. Wong, Li Shu-pui, James T. Choy, Peter H. Sin, Kenneth W. Chau, James Choa, Richard Shim, Y. O. Lee and others.

A programme of entertainment was arranged by the children themselves with the following numbers:—Wong Chan-wa at the piano and Chan Kwok-on on harmonica in an accompaniment to a patriotic

CHRISTMAS CAROL RECITAL

A recital of Christmas carols will be given at St. Paul's Church, Glenealy, at 7.30 p.m. tonight, under the auspices of the Y.M.C.A. and Y.W.C.A.

Dr. Yung Kai-tung will conduct and those taking part are the Choirs of Basel Mission Church, Hop Yat Church, Christ Church, True Light Girls' School, Baptist Church, St. Paul's Church, St. Stephen's Church, Chinese Choral Society, Chiuchow, Christian Association, St. Mary's Church, St. Paul's Girls' College, Holy Trinity Church, Church of Christ, Methodist Church, Wan Chai Church, and Sun Oi Church.

A memorial service for Lieut. Commander R.C.M. White and the Officers and Men of H.M.S. *Duchess* will be held at St. John's Cathedral tomorrow at 11 a.m.

GENERAL

DAYLIGHT SAVING QUESTION

H.K. COMMITTEE APPOINTED

His Excellency the Governor has appointed the following to be members of a Committee to consider further the question of daylight saving:

Bon. Mr. H. R. Butters (Chairman), Mr. D. Kelvin-Stark, the Director of the Royal Observatory, Mr. T. N. Chau, C.B.E., Mr. M. F. Key, O.B.E., Mr. J. Finnie and Mr. R. A. Camidge.

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(b) limiting by statute the number of hours per diem during which workers in shops and factories may be employed.

BOYS COMMENDED FOR ARRESTING SNATCHER

Two young European boys, Derek Wilton, 12, and Fred Stanford, 10, were commended by Mr. R.A.D. Forrest at the Central Magistracy on Saturday for effecting the arrest of a snatcher.

Accused, Tsui Chi, 28, unemployed, snatched a woollen shawl from a Chinese woman near Murray Path. The two boys, who were near, gave chase and arrested him.

Sentence of two months' hard labour was imposed.

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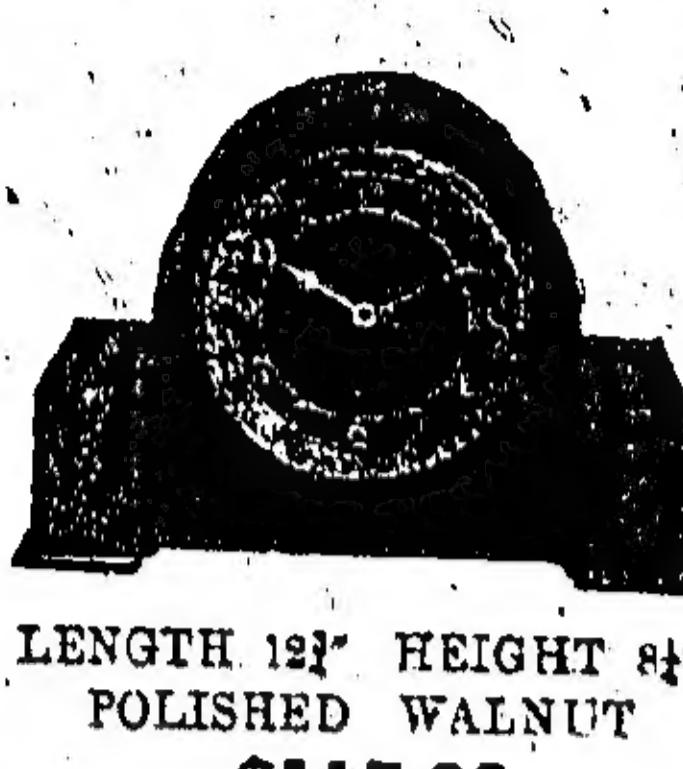
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NOTICE.

A Memorial Service in commemoration of Lieut. Commander R. C. M. White, the Officers and Men of H.M.S. Duchess will be held in St. John's Cathedral on Tuesday, December 19th.

11-11.30 a.m.

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NOTICE.

Notice is hereby given that ALVENA LAHOVETSKY, L.T.C.L., of 233 Nathan Road, Kowloon, is applying to the Governor for naturalization, and that any person who knows any reason why naturalization should not be granted should send a written and signed statement of the facts to the Colonial Secretary, Hong Kong.

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Notice is hereby given that the SEVENTEENTH ORDINARY YEARLY MEETING of Shareholders will be held at the Head Office of the Company, Bank of East Asia Building, Hongkong, on Monday, 18th December, 1939, at 12 o'clock noon, for the purpose of receiving a Statement of Accounts and the Report of Directors for the year ended 30th June, 1939, and to transact the ordinary business of the Company.

The Transfer Books of the Company will be closed from Wednesday, 13th Dec., 1939, until Monday, 18th Dec., 1939, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of
Directors,
SHEWAN TOWNS &
CO., LTD.,
General Managers.

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MARKET STALL
TENANCY

At the Urban Council meeting to be held tomorrow, the Chairman will move the following further amendment to the Market by-laws:—

In the event of a stall holder or a relative holding in his stead remaining in possession of a market stall whether that originally let or one substituted therefor for a period of five years from the date of the first letting the Council shall have power to vary the rental of such stall without calling the tenancy and calling for sealed tenders for further letting.

OTHER BUSINESS

Other Business will be:—

Correspondence relative to the proposed policy for the registration of food preserving establishments.

Correspondence relative to the proposed erection of a small flush water closet for the use of women and children in the Kowloon King George V Memorial Field.

Application for a milk shop licence for No. 102, Thomson Road, ground floor.

Application for a goat licence for the premises on K.M.L. No. 52, Bailey's Shipyard.

EDITORIAL
CHINA DEFEAT IRELAND
IN FAST SOCCER MATCHPerfect Understanding Of
Losers' Forward Line

IN A CLEAN FAST GAME OF REALLY EXCITING SOCCER, China (holders) easily defeated Ireland by four goals to two in the Sunday Herald International Charity Cup first round at Carline Hill yesterday, after leading two-one in the first half. Ireland scored the equaliser through a penalty half-way through the second-half and excitement ran to fever pitch during the last 15 minutes of play when both sides were striving their hardest to assume the lead.

Ten minutes from the end China the field when a centre from Jorge was leading by the odd goal in saw Lau Chi-chan deflect the ball five and the last three minutes into his own goal when trying to saw Lee Wai-tong shoot the sixth take it off his chest. This gave and last to put his team on a safe Ireland an early lead.

The Chinese continued to press and in a melee they were awarded a penalty which Lee Wai-tong took. He failed to score, however, the ball went clean over the bar. In the course of play Lee again made an unsuccessful scoring attempt. Eventually he tossed a pass from the left to the right winger Cheuk Shek-kam who scored the equaliser.

Cheuk, soon after, availed himself of another pass to put the Chinese one up and the half time whistle went with China leading two-one.

THE PLAY

Play opened with Ireland pressing. The Chinese soon assumed the offensive, but play was soon forced back to the other end of

3RD CRUISER
YACHTING
CHAMPIONSHIP

The 3rd Cruiser Championship was held yesterday over a 25 miles course and results in wins for Cutty (Mr. H. Foy) in the "W" Class and Noreena (Mr. P. G. N. Sedgwick) in the "E" Class.

Detailed results follow:

W CLASS STARTED 0950 HRS.

Finds Cor Pts Pts Tl.

Cutty 184054 170939 10 11 21

(Mr. H. Foy).

Typhoon 191139 173322 8 7 15

(Mr. D. Campbell).

Curlew 191229 173403 6 7 13

(Mr. P. Clarke).

Sal Long 192346 174803 4 21 25

(Mr. A. M. Mark).

Mistral 181229 174803 7

Term D.N.F. 1 17 18

E CLASS STARTED 1000 HRS.

Noreena 164315 164315 21 39 60

(Mr. P. G. N. Sedgwick).

Sa Cigale 1 170229 170229 19 33 52

(Mr. N. Croucher).

Red Rover 174942 171033 17 31 45

(Capt. R. Bateman).

Highwayman 190712 171747 15 23 34

(Capt. J. Macrae).

Donna 171918 171916 14 8 26

(Mr. E. Cock).

Oresund 172100 172100 13 12 25

(Mr. K. Neckelman).

Doonda 181332 172411 12 29 41

(Mr. J. Dewar).

Tai Wan 192211 174829 11 41 52

(Maj. J. Dobbs).

Tyrene 193030 175059 10 4 14

(Mr. B. Herschend).

Azurina 196532 183819 9 — 9

(Mr. E. Lambert).

U & I D.N.F. 1 21 22

Yehonah D.N.F. 1 13 14

Cormorant D.N.F. 1 12 13

Punal D.N.F. 1 29 30

Evelene D.N.F. 1 18 19

Na Name D.N.F. 1 18 19

Treeland D.N.F. 1 10 11

The Hongkong Yacht Club's 5th Corinthian Series over 7.3 miles resulted on Saturday as follows:—

"A" CLASS—STARTED AT 14.40

Yacht "Finished Posn Pts Pts

Redsund 172542 1 16 4

(Lt. Cdr. M.S. Pennington, R.N.)

Painted Lady 173008 2 14 2

(Dr. Dean-Smith).

Jan 173136 3 12 1

(Capt. J. Krogh-Moe).

MIXED CLASSES—STARTED

AT 14.50

Alls 17.17524 1 11 4

(Mr. W. A. Ingram).

Sinkin 17.30.00 2 9 2

(Mr. D. Allen).

Widgeon 17.32.21 3 7 1

(Mr. McCabe).

are lying in wait for the Graf von Spee and other German ships that may come to her aid, indicates a determined effort to eliminate the menace of a German surface fleet in the South Atlantic. It shows that the Admiralty, at any rate, will not, despite the brilliant exploit of the Exeter, Ajax and Achilles, put its trust in light cruisers when such big fish are to be caught.

THE REPORT that such dreadnaughts as the Renown

EDITORIAL

Home Rugby

LEAGUE & UNION
RESULTS

LONDON, Dec. 17 (Reuters)—The following matches in Rugby by League and Rugby Union were played yesterday:

RUGBY LEAGUE

Lancashire League
Barrow 18, Wigan 14.
Broughton 0, Oldham 18.
Leigh v. Rochdale (postponed).
Liverpool 0, Swinton 26.
Salford 17, Widnes 3.
Warrington 8, St. Helens 6.

Yorkshire League

Bradford 23, Hunslet 14.
Bramley 8, Featherstone 10.
Castleford 20, Barley 10.
Dewsbury 19, Keighley 8.
Huddersfield 22, York 10.
Hull Kingston 13, Wakefield 8.
Leeds 6, Hull 23.

RUGBY UNION

'Guy's' Hosp. 16, Wasps 8.
Harlequins 8, Army XV 10.
Old Paulines 5, L'don-Irish.
Welsh 13.

Rosslyn P. 28, St. Barts, Hosp. 3.

Bedford 15, Northampton 0.

Bristol 28, Army XV 0.

Cardiff 40, Cross Keys 5.

Coventry 8, Moseley 8.

Ebbs Vale 6, Newport 8.

Gloucester 3, Bridgeman 3.

Llanelli 3, Neath 3.

Torquay 15, Army XV 8.

Portsmouth Ser. 3, St. Mary's Hosp. 10.

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Mr. Claude Barr, representative of Canadian National Railways, no doubt, still vividly remembers his adios gathering. Friends toasted him for Christmas, New Year, bon voyage, and his health. Then he sailed out for a call and the holiday season in Shanghai!

Another local business executive who had his share of farewells, good cheer and best wishes was Mr. O. Cuevas, of Intercontinent Corporation. This gentleman is en route to the United States on business and holiday. He was a passenger on the R.M.A. Dardanus which was shot at by Japanese planes.

Shanghai-bound was Mr. Harrison Arnold, representative of Ford Motors. He is hurrying home for Santa Claus' Day.

Miss Olive Rand a very nice "American Miss" is going back to the only lands where he has not made researches and explorations.

The member who will make a picture and sound story of this long and interesting voyage is also in Manila. He is Mr. Edwin Beckwith. His camera will give the exact story of events. However, sad to state, it will not be for commercial purposes.

The complete party will spend New Year in the Philippines and proceed on their journey shortly after.

The Cheng Ho, sturdy 100-foot junk, is comfortably and efficiently constructed and indeed a proud lady of the sea when, with sails hoisted, she moves down the bay. Her crew keen, intelligent and strong will be well served by this latest masterpiece from the yards of Ah King's.

Hello & Goodbye

(BY A. W. HYER)

An Italian liner is arriving by today from Europe en route to the North. And Pan American Airways' China Clipper will dash in from Manila, landing at Kai Tak bay about 2 p.m.

People who make news are the crew of the junk Cheng Ho, 100-ft. Diesel-powered craft constructed at Ah King's Slipway. The Botanical Explorations Inc. is the official title for this junk and the sailing members.

Imperial Airways

Sunday, 7 a.m. Imperial Airways' R.M.A. Delta, under the command of Acting Captain J. A. Samuel, set off for Bangkok. Mail for Empire ports totalled 145 kles.

Mrs. R. J. Reason held a ticket to Southampton. This local resident should find herself in London just in time for Christmas Day.

En route to Karachi and new

lands was Mr. F. A. Hine, a very ambitious young engineer of Imperial Airways who certainly enjoyed his tour of work here in the past six months.

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WILL THE GRAF SPEE MAKE A BID FOR FREEDOM? — URUGUAYAN GOVERNMENT'S TIME LIMIT OF 72 HOURS EXPIRES

Battered Battleship's Predicament

LONDON, Dec. 16 (REUTER) — THE URUGUAYAN GOVERNMENT HAS DECIDED TO PERMIT THE GRAF SPEE 72 HOURS IN MONTEVIDEO, REUTER LEARNS AUTHORITATIVELY. It is understood that this means from the moment she entered harbour at 10 p.m. local time Wednesday.

This follows an exchange of views between the British Minister at Montevideo and the Uruguayan Foreign Office. During this period the Graf Spee is being permitted to effect the repairs necessary to make her seaworthy.

The news communicated to the British Minister to Montevideo last night.

No protest has yet reached London from Uruguay in respect of the operations against the Graf Spee.

MOST HAZARDOUS

Regarding speculation that the Graf Spee might attempt to make Buenos Aires, keeping in territorial waters all along the coast, it is pointed out that owing to the shallow water, particularly in the River Plate, this would be most hazardous if not impossible.

Britain recognises the three-mile limit but has reserved all rights with respect to the Panama declaration which claimed a neutral limit of 300 miles around the Americas.

ATTEMPT REGARDED AS UNLIKELY

MONTEVIDEO, Dec. 16 (REUTER) — Many here believe that the Admiral Graf Spee is preparing to slip out of harbour at any moment without waiting for repairs to be completed.

This belief is not supported by the captains of the sunk British ships who were released from the battleship.

They regard as unlikely any attempt by the Graf Spee to run the gauntlet of the British warships patrolling the mouth of the River Plate unless definite orders are received from Berlin.

PATCHING WOUNDS

Though the time limit for the Admiral Graf Spee's stay here expires tomorrow (Sunday), the exact hour has not yet been announced.

The crew of the damaged battleship are still patching up her wounds, many of them being kept hard at work while their 36 comrades were being buried.

R.A.F. In France Prepare For A Hard And Bitterly Cold Winter

LONDON, Dec. 17 (REUTER) — Britain's Air Arm in France is hastening its preparations for a hard winter, says Reuter's special correspondent with the R.A.F. in France.

BITTER COLD

The season gives every promise of being bitterly cold in the West Front and it may well be one of bitter aerial warfare as well.

In view of its close proximity to Germany, which is within easy striking distance, the Air Force expects to have big share in what Sir Kingsley Wood, Minister for Air, called another and "more strenuous and difficult" chapter of the war in the air, which he warned in the House of Commons might open before the spring.

The Royal Air Force is speculating keenly on what the Air Minister's words may foretell.

While they hope that the new development may be delayed until after Christmas and New Year leave, they are just as eager to have a crack at the enemy.

LONDON, Dec. 16 (REUTER) — The argument that economic blockade and aerial bombardment of industrial areas are justified, is contained in an article which appears in the leading German military publication.

The marriage of Miss Jenny Hamet, daughter of Mr. and the late Mrs. A. H. Hamet, and Mr. M. Arculli, son of the late Mr. and Mrs. O. Arculli, took place at the Mohammedan Mosque yesterday. A reception was held in the afternoon at the Indian Recreation Club.

WHALING SHIP EVADES U-BOAT

CAPE TOWN, Dec. 17 (REUTER) — It is revealed that the 13,000-ton Capetown whaling factory ship, Tafelberg, was attacked by a U-boat some weeks ago in the West Atlantic, but escaped unscathed.

The U-boat was apparently the same that unsuccessfully chased the New Zealand liner, Mataroa, south-east of Bermuda at about the same time.

MINES TAKE BIG TOLL OF NEUTRAL SHIPPING: FOUR SUNK

WESTERN FRONT

French Hurl Back Large Nazi Raid

PATROL ACTIVITY

PARIS, Dec. 16 (REUTER) — The French today hurled back one of the largest German raids of the war on the western front.

Several company sections, with artillery support, attacked the French lines with the intention of taking prisoners.

They were off the south-west coast of Africa, he said, when they sighted a warship flying a large French ensign.

Two miles away the warship signalled them: "Heave to. We are sending a boat. Don't use your wireless."

At the same time the warship hauled down the French ensign and hoisted the German flag.

Captain Edwards, who balls from Glamorgan, is one of the 61 survivors of British ships sunk by the Graf Spee who were landed in Montevideo.

His ship was sunk on the afternoon of October 22.

SAFE AND WELL

LONDON, Dec. 17 (REUTER) — The Huntsman, one of the Graf Spee's victims, is safe and well, according to a cable received by the ship-owners from the Chief Officer, Thompson, who landed at Montevideo from the Graf Spee.

The cable added that Capt. Brown, of the Huntsman, and 14 other European members of the crew were transferred, along with 70 lascars, to another German ship, believed to be an oil tanker.

IN MONTEVIDEO

MONTEVIDEO, Dec. 16 (REUTER) — The crew of the British steamer Huntsman, which has been missing since December 7, are now known to have been taken on board the Graf Spee and are safe and well in Montevideo.

The Huntsman was on the way from India to London, via the Cape, when the Graf Spee sank her.

WILL PROBABLY REFUSE SECOND BATTLE

Special to the Hongkong Daily Press

PARIS, Dec. 17 (Havas) — The newspaper L'Œuvre asserts that Herr Hitler has personally instructed Captain Landsdorp, Commander of the Admiral Graf Spee, to do his utmost to spare the lives of his men.

Furthermore, the Fuehrer has insisted that the Commander should refrain from any action which may result in a British naval victory, to be later exploited by British propaganda, and also insisted that the Graf Spee be scuttled rather than be sunk by the enemy.

The general opinion here is that the Graf Spee will probably refuse a second battle.

Reports of the presence of German submarines in the vicinity of Montevideo are discounted.

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DEATH PENALTIES IN GERMANY

AMSTERDAM, Dec. 17 (REUTER) — A man was executed in Germany for stealing sandbags during the black-out.

Three other persons were executed for crimes during the black-out and two more for firing barns and crops.

CABLES IN BRIEF

MONTEVIDEO, Dec. 16 (REUTER) — The 36 German seamen killed on board the Graf von Spee in her action with HMS. Exeter, Ajax and Achilles were buried with full military honours.

LONDON, Dec. 17 (REUTER) — The Prime Minister, Mr. Neville Chamberlain, is still at the front and experienced an air raid warning this morning shortly after breakfast. This is the first time for several days that the sirens were sounded and guns manned. The weather was misty and no aircraft were seen.

NEW YORK, Dec. 16 (REUTER) — Uruguay has presented a strong Note to Great Britain and Germany on the subject of the Graf Spee battle, according to a "New York Times" message from Montevideo.

LONDON, Dec. 17 (REUTER) — The Newcastle steamer Ambie (1,100 tons) was mined in the North Sea. Her crew of 17 were landed in a north-east port yesterday.

PEOPLE SHIVERING

Hundreds, men, women and children, who were unable to save much of their possessions, could be seen squatting by the side of

Sino-Burmese Relations

GOODWILL MISSION ENTERTAINED

CHUNGKING, Dec. 17 (Central) — The Burmese Goodwill Mission to China was entertained at a tea party by Dr. H. H. Kung, Vice-President of the Executive Yuan and concurrently Minister of Finance, and other officials of the Yuan, yesterday afternoon.

In the course of a speech Dr. Kung expressed the hope that Sino-Burmese relations will be further strengthened.

CULTURAL ASSN.

Mr. U Ba Lwin, leader of the Mission, suggested the organisation of a Sino-Burmese Cultural Association and the exchange of college professors and students between the two countries.

Earlier in the day, the mission visited the Central University, Nankai University and Chungking University and was entertained at lunch by the Presidents of the three institutions.

NINE MEMBERS

The mission comprises nine members, namely U Ba Lwin, Miss Daw Mya Sein, Thakin Nu, U Ba Choe, Ganga Singh, U Ba, Saw Taik Leong, William Tseng and Liu Hsi-sung. Mr. U Ba Lwin is a well-known Burmese statesman and educator, one-time vice-Speaker of the Burmese Senate and former President of the Rotary Club in Rangoon. Miss Daw Mya Sein, deputy leader of the Mission, better known among international women societies as Miss May Oung, is president of the Buddhist College for Girls and president of the Sino-Burmese Educational Society.

SHIP SCUTTLED

CAPETOWN, Dec. 16 (REUTER) — The German ship Adolf Leonhardt, which was scuttled by her crew, had been sheltering in Lobito Bay, Portuguese East Africa, ever since the war began.

AND ANOTHER

LONDON, Dec. 16 (REUTER) — The War Ministry confirms a report that movements of German troops have been noted by the German steamer Teneriffe (2,400 gross tons) and scuttled by her crew during the past few days.

TO VISIT KUNMING

KUNMING, Dec. 17 (Central) — Members of the Burmese Goodwill Mission who are now in the wartime capital will visit Kunming on Dec. 27, it is learned here today.

Gen. Lung Yun, Chairman of the Yunnan Provincial Government, and official circles here have completed preparations to welcome the Burmese visitors.

LAST MEETING

Local Chinese reports forecast that the meeting just concluded of the United Council of the "Provisional" and "Reformed" Governments will probably be the last held by the Council and that the Council may be dissolved.

It is believed that the meeting devoted its time to winding up all affairs left over from the previous meeting, such as exchange of southern rice for northern coal and cotton and the fixing of a definite exchange rate between the Federal Reserve Bank and Hsueh-hsing banknotes, conservancy of the Yellow River and revision of the text-books issued by the two Governments.

PRESS COMMENT

LONDON, Dec. 16 (REUTER) — One of the chief topics in this morning's editorial comment in the British press is the prompt expunction of Russia from the League of Nations.

The Daily Telegraph says: "Such a response to Finland's appeal is proof that, even in the ashes of the League, dwell its wonted fires."

The Yorkshire Post speaks of the League's difficulties, and refers to the scheme for a Union of the Democracies of the United Kingdom, the United States, the Dominions and Scandinavia, who, with France, have all been at peace with one another for over 100 years.

ATTITUDE OF SOVIET

MOSCOW, Dec. 16 (REUTER) — An

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In association with the Grand Hotel de Wagons Lits, Peking.

No Headway In Formation Of "Central Government"

SHANGHAI, Dec. 17 (REUTER) — As expected the discussions at the seventh meeting of the United Council of the "Provisional" and "Reformed" Governments, which concluded yesterday, failed to throw any light on the question of the new Central Government resulting merely in passing five resolutions on comparatively minor issues.

These resolutions included decisions to open exchange facilities between the "Provisional" and "Reformed" Governments and to inaugurate an exchange of southern goods.

Liang Hung-chih, one of the Nanking "Reformed" Government's representatives, in answer to a question by Chinese journalists regarding the proposed "Central Government," is reported to have declared that the "actual facts are not so simple."

Reliable Chinese circles do not see any possibility for the inauguration of the "Central Government" in the near future. The Nanking delegates will probably leave for Peiping on Tuesday.

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Steel Coulson And
H.B. Leagues

The following are the results to date:—

BILLIARDS

Prison Officers Club 1:—Gowland 150, Pike 89, Gooding 66. H.B. Club 2:—Castillo 72, Low 150, Ng 150. C.S.C.C. 2:—Jones 150, Rakusen 148, Grimmitt 150. H.K. Police 1:—Bradsell 77, Pope 150, Goodwin 81. H.K. Police 3:—Ellis 150, Pope 150, Goodwin 150. Naval Police 0:—Whelan 136, McAtee 132, Roach 90. C. and P.O.R.C. 3:—Davies 150, Hawkes 150, Grant 150. Garrison "A" 0:—Carden 75, Harden 138, Wood 115. Naval Police 0:—Whelan 147, Roach 146, Batten 112. D.R.C. 3:—Jackson 150, Lewis 150, Collins 150. Garrison "B" 1:—Cullimore 100, Brown 76, Lord 150. C.C.C. 2:—Hongsing 150, Kit- chell 150, Zimmern 127.

LEAGUE TABLE

	P. W.	L.	F.	A.	Pts.	
Civil Ser. C.C. 8	8	0	21	3	21	
H.B. Club	7	7	0	18	3	18
D.R.C.	8	6	2	15	9	15
C.C.C.	8	4	4	13	11	13
H.K. Police 1	7	4	3	12	9	12
Garrison "A"	8	4	4	11	13	11
Prison O.C.	8	3	5	11	13	11
Talkoo Club	7	3	4	9	12	9
C. and P.O.R.C. 7	3	4	9	12	9	
R.A.F. Sgts.						
Mess	6	3	3	8	10	8
Naval Police	6	1	5	6	12	8
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Our health is very much affected by our skins. A fit body sheds 3 lbs. of moisture daily through the pores. If they become clogged, these pores remain, and affect our vitality. Wright's soaping lather enters the pores, expels impurities and leaves the skin fresh and healthy. Wright's—The genuine Coal Tar Soap—is antiseptic, too; the only Soap holding the Blue Seal of the Institute of Hygiene.

WRIGHT'S
Coal Tar SOAP

ENGLISH AND SCOTTISH FOOTBALL RESULTS

LONDON, Dec. 17 (Reuter)—The following are the results of matches in the English and Scottish regional tournaments played yesterday:

MIDLAND

Birmingham 2, Walsall 2. Leicester 3, Luton 3. Northampton 1, Wolverhampton 2.

West Brom. A. 3, Coventry 1.

SOUTH-A

Arsenal 5, Southend 1. Charlton 1, Watford 1. Clapton 0, West Ham 8. Crystal P. 4, Millwall 1. Norwich 5, Tottenham 2.

SOUTH-B

Aldershot 3, Southampton 0. Bournemouth 2, Chelsea 2. Fulham 2, Brentford 4. Portsmouth 1, Reading 2. Queen's Park R. 3, Brighton 2.

SOUTH-WESTERN

Bristol 1, Plymouth 0. Newport 0, Bristol R. 1. Swansea 4, Cardiff 0. Torquay 5, Swindon 1.

NORTH-EASTERN

Middles Brough 8, Darlington 1.

OTHER MATCHES

Accrington 7, Oldham 1. Blackburn 0, Everton 6. Bury 5, Blackpool 3. Barnsley 2, Bradford 3. Bolton 3, Army XI 3. Bradford C. 3, Rotherham 2. Burnley 0, Manchester C. 2. Carlisle 2, Newcastle 5. Chesterfield 1, Halifax 1. Chester 3, Bury 4. Crew Alex. 3, Shrewsbury 1. Doncaster 2, Huddersfield 2. Grimsby 5, Leeds 5. Hull 4, Notts C. 5. Liverpool 0, Preston 1. Manchester U. 1, Sheffield 2. New Brighton 2, Southbourne 3. Notts F. 6, Stockport 0. Port Vale 1, West Brom. 4.

SATURDAY'S CRICKET

RIDE AND PEARCE BAT WELL

The cricket match between Kowloon Cricket Club and the Hongkong Cricket Club at Cox's Path on Saturday was played to a draw. Both sides batted steadily to amass comfortable scores.

179 FOR 4

Hongkong Cricket Club, having first lease of the wicket, were more successful, knocking up 179 runs for the loss of four wickets. To this total, Dr. L. T. Ride contributed 64, and T. A. Pearce 72.

155 FOR 7

Kowloon Cricket Club replied with 155 for the loss of seven wickets, D. J. N. Anderson being top-scorer with 57, and E. F. Fincher hitting up 38. T. A. Pearce took three wickets for 44 runs.

JUNIOR DIVISION

Two wins were recorded in Junior Division Cricket on Saturday. In a low-scoring match, Indian Recreation Club 2nd XI did a creditable job to win by two wickets from Royal Air Force at Sookunpo, while at the Valley, Kowloon Cricket Club 2nd XI beat Civil Service Cricket Club 2nd XI by eight wickets.

THE SCORES

Scores in Saturday's cricket were:—

AT SOOKUNPO. Indian Recreation Club 2nd XI beat Royal Air Force by two wickets. R.A.F. 47 (M. R. Abbas 4 for 20, Y. T. Barma 4 for 8), I.R.C. 2nd XI 72 (A. R. Suffield 21 not out, W. G. Leslie 3 for 38, J. Waddington 6 for 24).

AT THE VALLEY, Kowloon Cricket Club 2nd XI beat Civil Service Cricket Club 2nd XI by eight wickets, C.S.C.C. 2nd XI 92 (T. L. Lockhart 24, E. Curtis 4 for 17, R. Baldwin 3 for 40, E. Poole 3 for 20). K.C.C. 2nd XI 189 for 3 wktas. (B. D. Lay 26, G. A. Goodban 49, R. Baldwin 33).

AT KING'S PARK, Club de Re-creio 2nd XI drew with Police Recreation Club, Recreio 2nd XI 131 (H. M. Xavier 25, A. M. Prata 20, M. A. Remedios 36 not out, C. Poole 4 for 45, J. Lewis 5 for 36), Police R.C. 80 for 9 wktas. (W. L. Clarke 42 not out, A. V. Gosoano 5 for 18).

AT THE VALLEY, Craignawer Cricket Club 2nd XI drew with Middlesex Regiment, C.C.C. 2nd XI 151 for 7 wktas. dec'd. (A. J. Hulse 62, L/Cpl. Williams 4 for 29), Middlesex Regt. 93 for 8 wktas. (Pte. Cutler 26, A. B. Hanson 4 for 27).

AT CHATER ROAD, Hongkong Cricket Club 2nd XI drew with University, H.K.C.C. 2nd XI 174 (H. J. D. Lowe 23, D. O. Parsons 51, A. K. Mackenzie 39, C. N. Matthews 4 for 52), University 109 for 5 wktas. (K. Y. Tam 53).

LEAGUE TABLE

	P. W.	L.	F.	A.	Pts.	
C & P.O.R.C. 6	4	2	18	14	18	
R.A.F. Sgts.						
Mess	5	4	1	14	11	14
Naval Police	5	1	4	13	12	13
H.K. Police	4	3	1	12	8	12
Garrison "A"	3	2	1	11	4	11
R. E. Sgts.						
Mess	4	2	2	8	12	8
Prison O.C.	4	1	3	7	13	7
D.R.C.	3	0	3	4	11	4

Highest game finish: Mr. Lord G.S.M. '59. Highest score in successive darts, Mr. Taylor (H.K.P.) 174.

SPORTS

RACING RESULTS

Continued from Page 2

Won by two lengths, short head between second and third.

Time: 2:13.

Pari Mutuel:—

Winner: \$101.50.

Places: \$23.50, \$12.00, \$16.20.

Also ran:—A Roaring Time 155 lbs. (V. V. Needa); Courting Eve 155 (H. C. Phu); Lancashire Chips 152 (H. J. A. Hearne); Tornado 152 (S. W. Fun); Triumphant Day 155 (S. C. Liang).

Betting

Win. Place.

A Grand Time 291 297

A Roaring Time 445 321

Baffin Bay 794 776

Chiltern 580 491

Courting Eve 1841 1125

Lancashire Chips 1568 1433

Tornado Star 425 429

Triumphant Day 939 639

6,701 5,511

RACE SEVEN

Scenic View, Dawn Star and Boolat Bay (favourite) were in front first time round. In the back stretch Dawn Star took the lead for a while, but was soon displaced by Soldier of Britain (outsider) who lead into the straight.

In the home run Rose Flana (comparative outsider) and Galveston Bay (third favourite) forged ahead to finish in that order with a length between them, while Boolat Bay, making a late run, took third place.

Dawn Star and Scenic View having weakened, and finished in the ruck, while Taxing Master, carrying only ten tickets less than the favourite, was never in the race at any stage.

Last Chance Handicap—(One Mile)

Mr. Eu Tong-sen's Rose Flana, 187 lbs. (Mr. C. Encarnacion) 1

Mr. L. Dunbar's Galveston Bay, 151 lbs. (Mr. H. J. A. Hearne) 2

Mr. S. W. Lee's Boolat Bay, 161 lbs. (Mr. V. V. Needa) 3

Won by a length, three quarters of a length between second and third.

Time: 2:00.

Pari Mutuel:—

Winner: \$48.30.

Places: \$16.20, \$10.50, \$9.70.

Also ran:—Clowner 146 lbs. (B. Proulx); Dawn Star 154 (S. W. Pan); National Pride 153 (Ip Kiu-ying); Salvage Master 140. (D. Black); Scenic View 147 (H. C. Phu); Soldier of Britain 140 (Y. T. Fung); Tampa Bay 159 (P. P. Botelho); Taxing Master 168 (L. B. Chao).

FOREIGN MARKETS & QUOTATIONS

LONDON STOCK EXCHANGE
(REUTER'S SERVICE)

London, December 14.
The following quotations are the middle prices at the close of the market in London. All quotations are subject to confirmation and no responsibility is assumed for errors in transmission.

War Loan, 34% (Red after 1952) 92-5/16

Canfont-Kloos Rly. 5% 17

Chinese 43% Gold Loan 1898 (Brit. Issue) 55

Chinese 5% Gold Bonds, 1925-47 47

Chin. 4% Anglo-French Loan, 1908 45

Chinese 5% Crisp Loan, 1912 25

Chinese 5% Recr. Loan, 1913 (Ldn. Is.) 34

Chinese 8% Star. Notes, 1925 (Virkers) 12

Chin. Imperial Rly. 5% Loan 55

Honan Rly. 5% 15

Hukuang Rly. 5% 1911 17

Hukuang Rly. 5% (German Issue) 18

Lung Tsing & U. Hal Rly. 5% 1913 18

Shai-Ning Rly. 5% 20

Tientsin-Pukow Rly. 5% (Brit. Std.) 14

Tientsin-Pukow Rly. 5% (German Std.) 14

Tientsin-Pukow Rly. 5% (Brit. Std. Supl. Loan) 14

Tientsin-Pukow Rly. 5% (Ger. Std. Supl. Loan) 14

Jap. 5% Star. Loan, 1907 48

Jap. 5% Star. Loan, 1924 54

Ger. 7% Int'l. Loan, 1924 51

Chartered Bank 81

H.K. & Shai Bank (Ldn. Reg.) 82

H.K. & Shai Bank (Col. Reg.) 85

Chinese Eng. & Mining (bearer) 17

Chosen Corporation 6/6

Fokin Syndicate 1/6

Shai Water Constr. Co. 13

Shai Waterworks "A" 12

Union Insurance 23

Guila Kalumpang Rubber 21/9

Allied Ironfounders 15

Ass. & Elec. Industries 39/3

Austin Motors, ord. 17/9

Cable & Wireless, New Form, ord. 57/4

B.A. Tob. (bearer) 91/3

Mercantile Bank 118

Cammell Laird, ord. 6/6

Mexican Eagle 6/6

Courtaulds 37

Distillers 63/3

Dunlop Rubber 29/9

Gen. Electric (England) 75

Guinness (A) Son & Co. 76/3

Hawker Siddeley Airc. 16

Bristol Aeroplane 14/7

Imperial Chemical Ind. 20/7

Imperial Tobacco 118/9

Marks & Spoke "A" ord. 51/7

Rolls Royce 95/7

Leyland Motors 87/9

Tate & Lyle 57/4

Turner & Newall 74

United Steel 21/3

Smethwick Drop Forg. 13/6

Armstrong Stevens, ord. 6

Pressed Steel, com. 14/1

Vickers, ord. 16/4

Woolworths 61

Anglo-Dutch 27/9

Rob. Plant. Invest. Trust 33/9

Burma Corporation 11/9

Commonwealth Mining 14/8

Marsman Investments 14/8

Randfontein Estates 38/1

Western Holdings 10/8

Sub-Nigl 202/6

Tanami Gold Mining 3d

Anglo-Iranian 53/9

Burma 60/7

Shell Trans. & Trad. (bearer) 80

—Nominal

JAPANESE GOODS AND BRITISH BLOCKADE

SHANGHAI, Dec. 15. (Int'l)—For every ton of German goods confiscated by the British authorities on board Japanese ships, the same amount of British goods aboard British vessels in Far Eastern waters will be confiscated by the Japanese," stated a Japanese spokesman here.

A cargo of German goods is aboard the Sanyo Maru, which sailed from Rotterdam on Dec. 10.

Japanese naval circles maintained that the new blockade measure is incompatible with international law and the Japanese authorities are resolved to enforce their views by actions if necessary.

SILVER MARKET

BOMBAY SILVER

Bombay, Dec. 16 (Reuters). Market—Quiet. Offtake 100 bars.

Indian Mint Silver

Ready 63-10

Jan. 6 Settlement 63-14

Feb. 3 Settlement 64-10

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HONGKONGCOMMODITY MARKET REVIEW
(FROM PAYNE & CO.)

New York, December 16.

SINGAPORE RUBBER Dec. 15 Dec. 16

buyers buyers Change

S P O T 40-3/8 39-1/4 off 1-1/8

JAN.-MARCH 39-1/2 38-3/4 off 3/4

APRIL-JUNE 37-1/2 36-3/4 off 3/4

The market was quiet.

LONDON RUBBER Dec. 15 Dec. 16

buyers buyers Change

S P O T 11-13/16 11-7/8 Closed

JAN.-MARCH 11-7/8 11-3/4

APRIL-JUNE 11-3/4

NEW YORK COTTON: Trade and foreign demand advanced prices easily. Hedge-selling against loan withdrawals was limited as a result of the grower's persistent holding-movement. Textiles were more active and prices were firm. Trade predictions for the year-end were generally optimistic.

NEW YORK RUBBER: There was some factory demand. Shipments were light and sellers were not pressing.

CHICAGO WHEAT: The cash position remains firm while it is hinted that good export demand is expected as a result of the low crop estimate in the Argentine. Lack of an indication of early relief in the drought sections is an additional bullish factor.

NEW YORK HIDES: There was a large commission-house demand for futures, including substantial purchases by the prominent operators. Large spot sales are reported. Active demand for domestic leather continues.

NEW YORK STOCKS: Previous close, 149.64; Today's close, 149.35; Change, off 28.

NEW YORK COMMODITY MARKET

(By Courtesy of Messrs. Swan, Culbertson & Fritz and S. E. Levy & Company)

Prev. To-day's

High Low Close Close Change

New York Cotton, Mar. 11.01 10.90 10.89 10.96 .07 up

New York Rubber, Mar. 19.50 19.50 19.35 19.40 .05 up

Chicago Wheat, May 1051 1014 1013 105 .38 up

Chicago Corn, May 58 57 56 58 1 1/4 up

New York Hides, Mar. 15.59 15.45 15.53 .12 up

NEW YORK COTTON Close Opening Closing Change

December 11.00/00 deleted deleted —

January 11.09/09 11.14/14 11.15/15 .06 up

March 10.89/90 10.92/91 10.98/97 .07 up

May 10.55/56 10.59/59 10.62/62 .07 up

July 10.16/17 10.22/22 10.24/24 .08 up

July (New contract) 10.28/28 10.41/41 10.43 N .15 up

October () 9.63/65 9.72/73 9.75/75 .12 up

Spot 11.33 N — 11.40 N .07 up

Volume (In contract of 100 bales each) 183,400 bales

Note: January cotton, first notice day:—26/12/39 last notice day:—17/1/40.

Total sales for the day:—310 tons.

CHICAGO WHEAT

December 20.25b/35a — 20.30 N .05 up

March 19.35/37 19.30b 19.40b/50a .05 up

May 18.95/95 18.90b/98a 18.93/98 .13 up

July 18.72/72 18.70/80 18.85/85 .13 up

September 18.57 N — 18.70/70 .13 up

Note: December rubber, last notice day:—27/12/39.

Total sales for the day:—310 tons.

CHICAGO CORN

December 55 55/58 — 56 56/58 1 1/4 up

May 56 57 57 57/57 58 58/58 1 1/4 up

July 57 57 57 57/57 58 58/58 1 1/4 up

WINNIPEG WHEAT

December 83 83b — 84 84b 1 1/4 up

May 87 87 87 87/87 89 89/89 1 1/4 up

July 88 88b — 90 90/90 1 1/4 up

NEW YORK HIDES

March 15.41/43 15.45/50 15.53/53 .12 up

June 15.71/71 15.80b/81a 15.83b/84a .12 up

New York, Official 34-3/4 unquoted

NY-London Cross Rate 3.93-1/4 3.94

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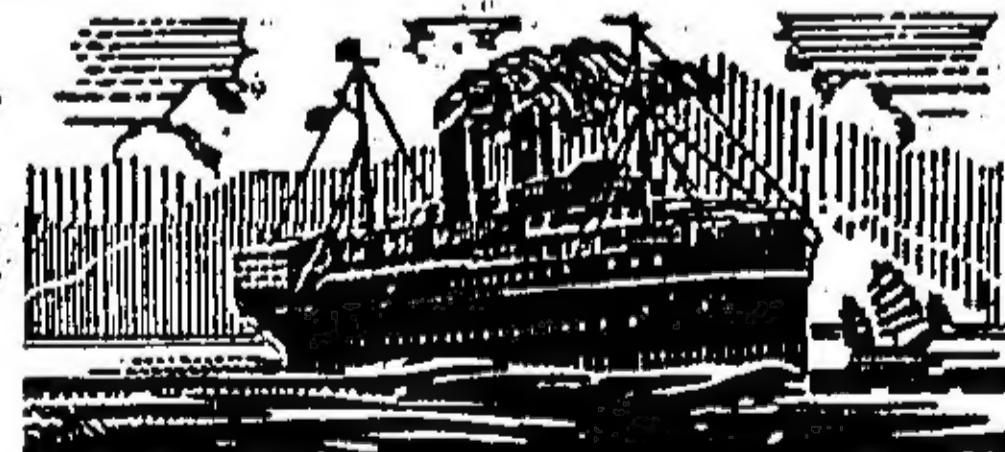
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WEATHER REPORT

Hongkong Royal Observatory
10 a.m. December, 17.
Barometer (at sea level) 30.23 ins.
Temperature, 68 F.
Humidity, 55 per cent
Wind Direction, N.
Wind Force (Beaufort), 2.
Temperature; maximum yesterday,
70 F.
Temperature, minimum last night,
59 F.
Rainfall for 24 hrs. ending 10 a.m.
today, nil.
Total rainfall since January 1st
86.70 ins.
Against an average of, 84.56 ins.
Sunrise tonight, 5.42 p.m.
Sunset tomorrow, 5.56 a.m.
4 p.m., December 17.
Barometer (at sea level), 30.14 ins.
Temperature, 69 F.
Humidity, 57 per cent
Wind Direction, ESE.
Wind Force (Beaufort), 2.
Maximum temperature 74 F.
Minimum temperature, 59 F.
Rainfall, nil.

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From 18 to 24 Dec. 1939

Day of Week	Date	HIGH WATER.		LOW WATER	
		Hong Kong Standard Time	Height	Hong Kong Standard Time	Height
Mon.	18	00 22	5 1/2	08 24	2 4
	19	16 04	5 1	18 49	4 7
Tues.	19	01 07	5 6	09 09	2 6
Wed.	20	14 48	5 3	22 08	2 6
Thur.	21	09 11	5 0	09 57	3 2
Fri.	22	03 42	4 7	10 45	3 2
	22	17 34	6 0	—	—
	23	05 38	4 4	00 46	3 5
	23	18 08	6 4	11 31	3 3
Sat.	23	07 07	4 4	01 32	2 6
	23	15 44	7 0	15 13	3 4
Sun.	24	08 17	4 4	09 13	2 1
	24	18 22	7 5	12 16	3 4

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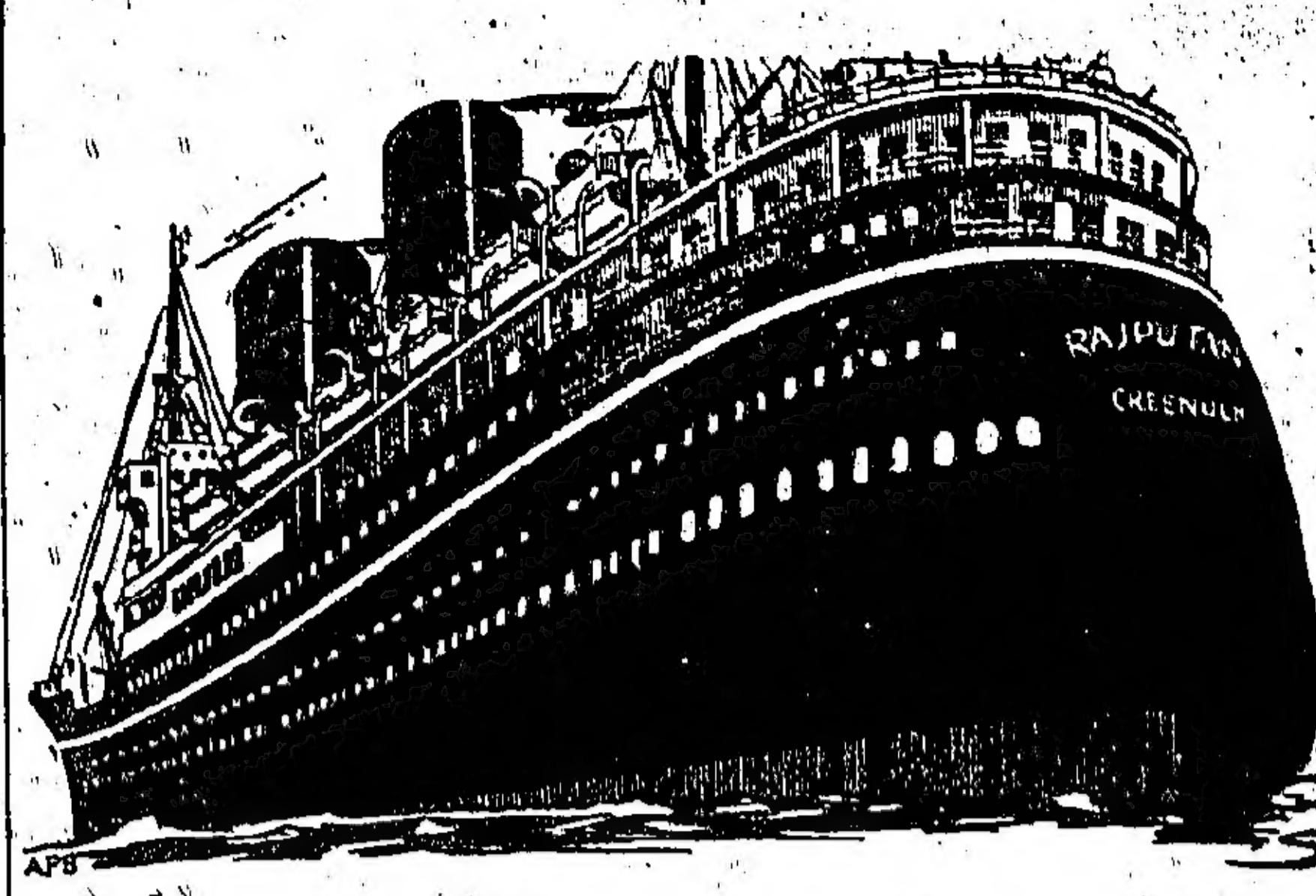
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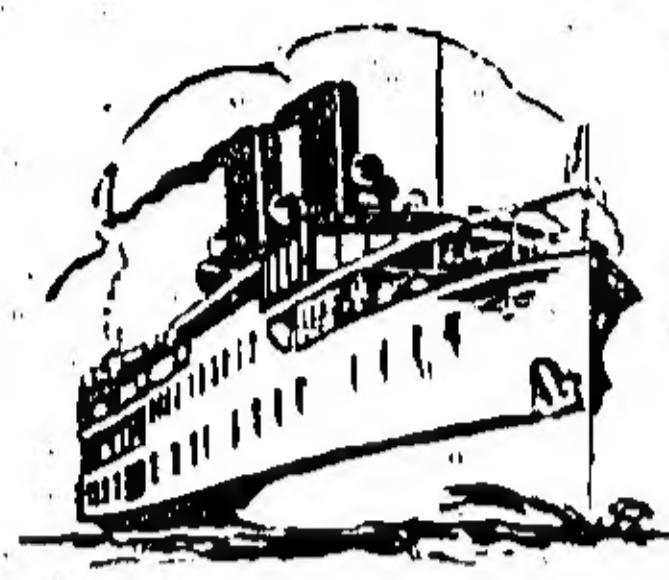
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VOLUNTEERS DRAW WITH MIDDLESEX

In a friendly all-day cricket match played on the Craigengower Cricket Club ground yesterday, 3rd (M. G.) Company of the Hongkong Volunteer Defence Corps drew with the Middlesex Regiment the soldiers being 41 runs in arrears with one wicket in hand at the close of play.

3RD (M. G.) COY

C. Q. M. S. Fincher, c Jones.	5
b Pearson	1
L/Cpl. Hung, b Young	41
Sgt. Zimmern (E), b Pearson	1
L/Cpl. Mackay, c and b Seton	39
Pte. Zimmern (F. R.), b Young	24
Lt. D. J. N. Anderson, c Weeden, b Young	21
Pts. Zimmern (A), b Hatfield	1
Pte. Rapley, b Hatfield	17
Pte. Madar, retired	22
Sgt. Winch, b Hatfield	1
Weeden, b Young	21
Pte. Way, not out	1
Extras	9
Total	182

BOWLING ANALYSIS

O. M. R. W.

Hatfield	10	45	3
Pearson	6	40	2
Williams	4	23	—
Young	7	40	3
Seton	2	13	1
Peal	2	12	—

MIDDLESEX REGT.

Pte. Jones, run out	15
Pte. Cutler, c E. Zimmern, b	1
E. J. R. Zimmern	1
Pte. Pearson, c and b F. R. Zimmern	2
Lt. M. P. Weeden, c Hung, b Anderson	6
L/Cpl. Young, b Winch	22
Pte. Hatfield, c E. Zimmern, b Anderson	2
Pte. Cordery, not out	38
L/Cpl. Seton, c and b Winch	0
L/Cpl. Williams, c E. Zimmern, b Anderson	29
Pte. Aldridge, not out	0
Extras	26
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